

Resource Sheet #14

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Weekly Gross Earnings	On War Jobs (91 women)	On 1946 Jobs (176 women)
Average Week's Earnings	\$50	\$37

	Percent of Women	Percent of Women
All women	100	100
Under \$30	1	27
\$30, under \$40	16	35
\$40, under \$50	36	29
\$50 and over	47	9

Source: *Baltimore women war workers in the postwar period.* (1948). Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor.

Background Information: This report is a study conducted by the Department of Labor in Baltimore, MD to research what became of the many women who aided the country in wartime industries during World War II. Baltimore, MD became the chosen location for the study because it had experienced a great increase in employment, and with diversified industries that employed women. The study also found that

Guiding Questions:

1. What was the average weekly earning of women on war jobs?
2. What was the average weekly earning of women on jobs immediately after the war in 1946?
3. What accounts for this change?